

PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Sir:

The supplemental communication concerning the above referenced application mailed March 14, 2008, has been received and reviewed.

In response to the Restriction Requirement of November 26, 2007, Applicants elected a species of the claimed polypeptides that is produced in mammalian cells and comprises a polyhistidine tag. Accordingly, these species are encompassed by claims 1-3, 9-11, 18, 20, and 21 (to the extent of a polyhistidine tag). It is respectfully submitted that the requests of the Restriction Requirement are now fully met.

It is believed that no fee is due. However, in the event that a fee is due, please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 26-0290.

Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims under examination are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of the above-identified patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6627.

Respectfully Submitted,

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